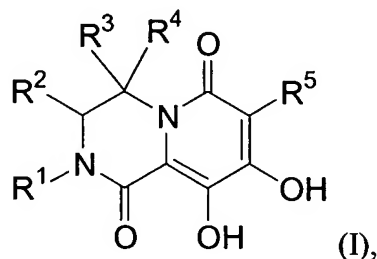


# IN THE CLAIMS

The listing of the claims which follows replaces any and all prior versions and/or listings of the claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A compound of Formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein

~~R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl which is substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently:~~

- ~~(1) — C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl,~~
- ~~(2) — aryl,~~
- ~~(3) — a 5- or 6-membered saturated or mono-unsaturated heterocyclic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S,~~
- ~~(4) — a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, or~~
- ~~(5) — a 9- or 10-membered fused bicyclic heterocycle containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein at least one of the rings is aromatic;~~

wherein

- ~~(A) — each cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents, each of which is independently halo, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;~~
- ~~(B) — each aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently~~
  - ~~(1) — C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently OH, O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>e</sup>, S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>e</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), N(R<sup>a</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>, N(R<sup>a</sup>)CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>e</sup>, N(R<sup>a</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>e</sup>, N(R<sup>a</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), OC(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), or N(R<sup>a</sup>)C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),~~

- (2) ~~O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently OH, O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-haloalkyl, S(O)<sub>n</sub>Re, C(=O)N(RaRb), SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), N(Ra)C(=O)Rb, N(Ra)CO<sub>2</sub>Re, N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>Re, N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), OC(=O)N(RaRb), or N(Ra)C(=O)N(RaRb);~~
- (3) ~~C<sub>1-6</sub>-haloalkyl;~~
- (4) ~~O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-haloalkyl;~~
- (5) ~~OH;~~
- (6) ~~halo;~~
- (7) ~~CN;~~
- (8) ~~NO<sub>2</sub>;~~
- (9) ~~N(RaRb);~~
- (10) ~~C(=O)N(RaRb);~~
- (11) ~~C(=O)Ra;~~
- (12) ~~CO<sub>2</sub>Re;~~
- (13) ~~SRe;~~
- (14) ~~S(=O)Re;~~
- (15) ~~SO<sub>2</sub>Re;~~
- (16) ~~N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>Re;~~
- (17) ~~SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb);~~
- (18) ~~N(Ra)C(=O)Rb;~~
- (19) ~~N(Ra)CO<sub>2</sub>Re; or~~
- (20) ~~phenyl;~~
- (C) ~~each saturated or mono-unsaturated heterocyclic ring is~~
  - (i) ~~optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-haloalkyl, O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-haloalkyl, or oxo; and~~
  - (ii) ~~optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently aryl or a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S; and~~
- (D) ~~each heteroaromatic ring or each fused bicyclic heterocycle is~~
  - (i) ~~optionally substituted with from 1 to 7 substituents each of which is independently halogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>-haloalkyl, O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-haloalkyl, or oxo; and~~

- (ii) ~~optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents each of which is independently aryl or C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl aryl;~~

R<sup>1</sup> is -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl mono-substituted with aryl; wherein the aryl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently

- (1) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, optionally mono-substituted with -OH, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, -N(RaRb), -C(=O)N(RaRb), -C(=O)Ra, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), -N(Ra)C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>, -N(Ra)CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), -OC(=O)N(RaRb), or -N(Ra)C(=O)N(RaRb),
- (2) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, optionally mono-substituted with -OH, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(Ra)-CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -C(=O)N(RaRb), -SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), -N(Ra)C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>, -N(Ra)CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), -OC(=O)N(RaRb), or -N(Ra)C(=O)N(RaRb),
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,
- (4) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,
- (5) -OH,
- (6) halo,
- (7) -CN,
- (8) -NO<sub>2</sub>,
- (9) -N(RaRb),
- (10) -SR<sup>c</sup>,
- (11) -S(=O)R<sup>c</sup>,
- (12) -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (13) -N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (14) -SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb),
- (15) -N(Ra)C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>,
- (16) -N(Ra)CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, or
- (17) phenyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is -H or -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is -H, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, or -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl substituted with one of -OH, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -N(RaRb), -C(=O)N(RaRb), -C(=O)Ra, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), -N(Ra)C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>, -N(Ra)CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(Ra)SO<sub>2</sub>N(RaRb), -OC(=O)N(RaRb), or -N(Ra)C(=O)N(RaRb);

R<sup>4</sup> is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one of -OH, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(R<sup>b</sup>)=O, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -OC(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -N(R<sup>a</sup>)C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -S-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), or -N(SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (3) -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl,
- (4) -C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>,
- (5) -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (6) -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (7) -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (8) -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl,
- (9) -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl-C(=O)-N(R<sup>a</sup>)<sub>2</sub>,
- (10) -C<sub>2-5</sub> alkynyl,
- (11) -C<sub>2-5</sub> alkynyl-CH<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>)<sub>2</sub>,
- (12) -C<sub>2-5</sub> alkynyl-CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>a</sup>,
- (13) -C<sub>2-5</sub> alkynyl-CH<sub>2</sub>S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, or
- (14) -R<sup>k</sup>,
- (15) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl substituted with R<sup>k</sup>,
- (16) -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl substituted with R<sup>k</sup>,
- (17) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (18) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (19) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-S(O)<sub>n</sub>-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (20) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-S(O)<sub>n</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (21) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (22) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (23) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-OR<sup>k</sup>, with the proviso that the -N(R<sup>a</sup>)- moiety and the -OR<sup>k</sup> moiety are not both attached to the same carbon of the -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-moiety,
- (24) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (25) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>)-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (26) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>)C(=O)-R<sup>k</sup>,
- (27) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-R<sup>k</sup>, or
- (28) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C<sub>0-6</sub> alkyl-S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>k</sup>;

wherein R<sup>k</sup> is

- (i) aryl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-OH, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -OH, halo, -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>);
- (ii) a 4- to 7-membered saturated or mono-unsaturated heterocyclic ring containing at least one carbon atom and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heterocyclic ring is:
  - (a) optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo; and
  - (b) optionally mono-substituted with aryl or HetA;  
wherein HetA is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally fused with a benzene ring, and HetA is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo; or
- (iii) a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo;

or alternatively R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are joined together to form C<sub>5-8</sub> cycloalkyl or a 5- to 7-membered saturated heterocyclic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S; wherein

the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently halo, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; and

the heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo;

or alternatively:

- (i) ~~R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together form a direct bond to give a ring double bond, and R<sup>4</sup> is an independent group as defined above;~~
- (ii) ~~R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused cyclopropyl ring which is optionally substituted at the non-fused cyclopropyl ring carbon with OR<sup>d</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> is H; or~~
- (iii) ~~R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused phenyl ring or a fused pyridyl ring, and R<sup>4</sup> is absent;~~

R<sup>5</sup> is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (4) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (5) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>,
- (6) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (7) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-SR<sup>c</sup>,
- (8) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-S(=O)R<sup>c</sup>,
- (9) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (10) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)
- (11) -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl,
- (12) -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,
- (13) -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl,
- (14) halo,
- (15) -CN,
- (16) -C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>,
- (17) -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (18) -SR<sup>c</sup>,
- (19) -S(=O)R<sup>c</sup>,
- (20) -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (21) -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (22) -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), or
- (23) -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>);
- (24) aryl
- (25) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-aryl
- (26) HetB,

- (27) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-HetB,
- (28) HetC, or
- (29) -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-HetC,

wherein

HetB is a 5- or 6-membered saturated or mono-unsaturated ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, oxo, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, or -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-8</sub> cycloalkyl; and

HetC is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from N, O and S, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo;

each aryl is independently phenyl or naphthyl;

each R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> is independently -H or -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;

each R<sup>c</sup> is independently a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>d</sup> is a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, allyl, or benzyl; and

each n is independently an integer equal to 0, 1 or 2.

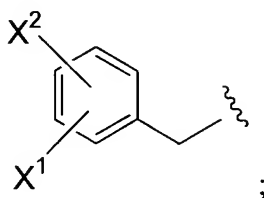
2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The compound according to claim 1, ~~2~~, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>-phenyl, wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently

- (1) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, optionally mono-substituted with -OH, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, or -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (2) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,

- (4) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,
- (5) -OH,
- (6) halo,
- (7) -CN,
- (8) -NO<sub>2</sub>,
- (9) -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (10) -SR<sup>c</sup>,
- (11) -S(=O)R<sup>c</sup>,
- (12) -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (13) -N(R<sup>a</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>,
- (14) -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (15) -N(R<sup>a</sup>)C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>,
- (16) -N(R<sup>a</sup>)CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, or
- (17) phenyl.

4. (original) The compound according to claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is:



wherein X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are each independently

- (1) -H,
- (2) methyl,
- (3) ethyl,
- (4) methoxy,
- (5) ethoxy,
- (6) -CF<sub>3</sub>,
- (7) fluoro,
- (8) bromo,
- (9) chloro,
- (10) -CN,
- (11) -S-CH<sub>3</sub>, or



(12) phenyl.

5. (original) The compound according to claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 4-fluorobenzyl.

6. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

R<sup>2</sup> is -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R<sup>3</sup> is -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

R<sup>4</sup> is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one of -OH, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -CN, -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -S(O)<sub>n</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>), -N(R<sup>a</sup>)-C(R<sup>b</sup>)=O, -N(R<sup>a</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>b</sup>, or -N(R<sup>a</sup>)SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (3) -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (4) -R<sup>k</sup>,
- (5) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl substituted with R<sup>k</sup>,
- (6) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O-R<sup>k</sup>, or
- (7) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-R<sup>k</sup>.

7. (original) The compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (4) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (5) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>)
- (6) -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,
- (7) halo,
- (8) -CN,
- (9) aryl
- (10) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-aryl
- (11) HetB,

- (12) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-HetB,
- (13) HetC, or
- (14) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-HetC,

wherein

HetB is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing a total of from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 to 4 N atoms, from 0 to 2 O atoms, and from 0 to 2 S atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, oxo, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl; and

HetC is a 5- or 6-membered heteroaromatic ring containing a total of from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 to 4 N atoms, from 0 to 2 O atoms, and from 0 to 2 S atoms, wherein the heteroaromatic ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo.

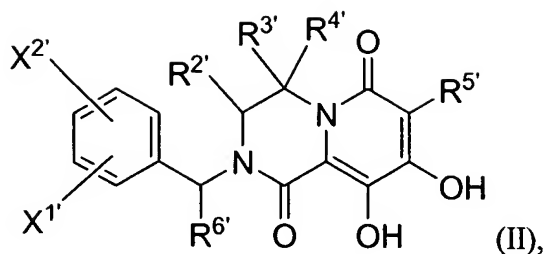
8. (original) The compound according to claim 7, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>),
- (4) halo,
- (5) -CN, or
- (6) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-HetB;

wherein

HetB is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms and carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, oxo, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl.

9. (currently amended) A compound of Formula (II), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

X1' and X2' are each independently:

- (1) -H,
- (2) C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (2) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,
- (4) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,
- (5) halo,
- (6) -CN,
- (7) -S-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, or
- (8) phenyl;

R2' is -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R3' is -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R4' is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one of -OH, -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>'), or -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>'),
- (3) -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>'),
- (4) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-R<sup>k</sup>',
- (5) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-O-R<sup>k</sup>', or
- (6) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-R<sup>k</sup>';

wherein R<sup>k</sup>' is:

- (i) phenyl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or halo; or

- (ii) HetD, wherein HetD is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms, 0 or 1 S atoms, and a balance of carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halo, -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo;

or alternatively:

- (i) ~~R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together form a direct bond to give a ring double bond, and R<sup>4'</sup> is an independent group as defined above;~~
- (ii) ~~R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused cyclopropyl ring which is optionally substituted at the non-fused cyclopropyl ring carbon with -OR<sup>d'</sup>, and R<sup>4'</sup> is -H; or~~
- (iii) ~~R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused phenyl ring or a fused pyridyl ring, and R<sup>4'</sup> is absent;~~

R<sup>5'</sup> is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a'</sup>R<sup>b'</sup>),
- (4) halo,
- (5) -CN, or
- (6) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-HetB;

wherein

HetB is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms, zero or 1 O atom, zero or 1 S atom, and a balance of carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, oxo, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C(=O)-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl;

R<sup>6'</sup> is -H or methyl;

each R<sup>a'</sup> and R<sup>b'</sup> is independently -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl; and

R<sup>d'</sup> is -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, allyl, or benzyl.

10. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 9, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

wherein X1' and X2' are each independently:

- (1) -H,
- (2) methyl,
- (2) -OCH<sub>3</sub>,
- (3) -CF<sub>3</sub>,
- (4) -O-CF<sub>3</sub>,
- (5) chloro,
- (6) fluoro,
- (7) bromo;
- (6) -CN,
- (7) -S-CH<sub>3</sub>, or
- (8) phenyl;

R2' is -H or methyl;

R3' is -H or methyl;

R4' is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) methyl,
- (3) -CH<sub>2</sub>OH,
- (3) -C(=O)N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,
- (4) -CH<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>k'</sup>, or
- (5) -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>k'</sup>;

wherein R<sup>k'</sup> is:

- (i) phenyl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently -CH<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, chloro, bromo or fluoro; or
- (ii) HetD, wherein HetD is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms, 0 or 1 S atoms, and a balance of carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently chloro, bromo, fluoro, -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, or oxo;

or alternatively:

- (i) ~~R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together form a direct bond to give a ring double bond, and R<sup>4'</sup> is an independent group as defined above;~~
- (ii) ~~R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused cyclopropyl ring which is optionally substituted at the non fused cyclopropyl ring carbon with -OMe, -OEt, -O allyl, or -O benzyl, and R<sup>4'</sup> is -H; or~~
- (iii) ~~R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused phenyl ring or a fused pyridyl ring, and R<sup>4'</sup> is absent;~~

R<sup>5'</sup> is:

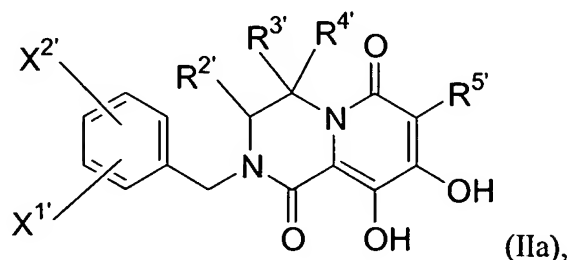
- (1) -H,
- (2) methyl,
- (3) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,
- (4) fluoro,
- (5) bromo,
- (6) iodo,
- (7) -CN, or
- (8) -CH<sub>2</sub>-HetB;

wherein

HetB is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms, zero or 1 O atom, zero or 1 S atom, and a balance of carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently chloro, bromo, fluoro, -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, oxo, -C(=O)-CH<sub>3</sub>, -C(=O)-CF<sub>3</sub>, or -CH<sub>2</sub>-cyclopropyl; and

R<sup>6'</sup> is -H or methyl.

11. (currently amended) The compound according to claim 9, which is a compound of Formula (IIa), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

X1' and X2' are each independently:

- (1) -H,
- (2) C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (2) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl,
- (4) -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or
- (5) halo;

R2' is -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

R3' is -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl;

~~or alternatively R2' and R3' together form a direct bond to give a ring double bond;~~

R4' is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with one of -OH, -N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>'), or -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>'),
- (3) -C(=O)N(R<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>'),
- (4) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-R<sup>k</sup>' ,
- (5) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-O-R<sup>k</sup>' , or
- (6) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-R<sup>k</sup>' ;

wherein R<sup>k</sup>' is:

- (i) phenyl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or halo; or
- (ii) HetD, wherein HetD is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms, 0 or 1 S atoms, and a balance of carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halo, -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo;

R5' is:

- (1) -H,

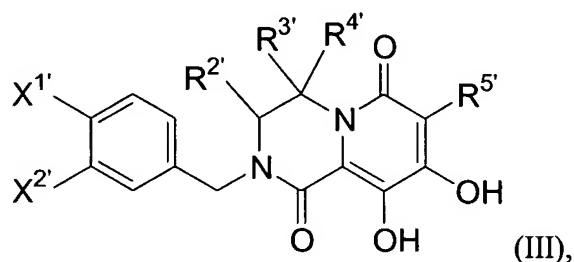
- (2) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl,
- (3) -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-N(R<sup>a'</sup>R<sup>b'</sup>),
- (4) halo,
- (5) -CN, or
- (6) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-3</sub>-HetB;

wherein

HetB is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms and carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently halogen, -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, -O-C<sub>1-4</sub> haloalkyl, or oxo; and

each R<sup>a'</sup> and R<sup>b'</sup> is independently -H or -C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl.

12. (original) The compound according to claim 9, which is a compound of Formula (III), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

X<sup>1'</sup> and X<sup>2'</sup> are each independently -H or halo.

13. (currently amended) The compound according to claim 12, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein X<sup>1'</sup> and X<sup>2'</sup> are each independently -H, fluoro, chloro, or bromo;

R<sup>2'</sup> is -H or methyl;

R<sup>3'</sup> is -H or methyl;

R<sup>4'</sup> is:



- (1) -H,
- (2) methyl,
- (3) -CH<sub>2</sub>OH,
- (3) -C(=O)N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,
- (4) -CH<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>k'</sup>, or
- (5) -CH<sub>2</sub>-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-R<sup>k'</sup>;

wherein R<sup>k'</sup> is:

- (i) phenyl, which is optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 substituents each of which is independently -CH<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, chloro, bromo or fluoro; or
- (ii) HetD, wherein HetD is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms, 0 or 1 S atoms, and a balance of carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently chloro, bromo, fluoro, -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, or oxo; and

or alternatively:

- ~~(i) — R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together form a direct bond to give a ring double bond, and R<sup>4'</sup> is an independent group as defined above;~~
- ~~(ii) — R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused cyclopropyl ring which is optionally substituted at the non-fused cyclopropyl ring carbon with -OR<sup>d'</sup>, and R<sup>4'</sup> is H; or~~
- ~~(iii) — R<sup>2'</sup> and R<sup>3'</sup> together with the ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused phenyl ring or a fused pyridyl ring, and R<sup>4'</sup> is absent;~~

R<sup>5'</sup> is:

- (1) -H,
- (2) methyl,
- (3) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>-N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>,
- (4) fluoro,
- (5) bromo,
- (6) iodo,
- (7) -CN, or
- (8) -CH<sub>2</sub>-HetB;

wherein

HetB is a 5- or 6-membered saturated ring containing 1 or 2 N atoms, zero or 1 O atom, zero or 1 S atom, and a balance of carbon atoms, wherein the saturated ring is optionally substituted with from 1 to 4 substituents each of which is independently chloro, bromo, fluoro, -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, oxo, -C(=O)-CH<sub>3</sub>, -C(=O)-CF<sub>3</sub>, or -CH<sub>2</sub>-cyclopropyl.

14. (original) The compound according to claim 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X<sup>1'</sup> is fluoro and X<sup>2'</sup> is -H.

15. (currently amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

2-benzyl-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-bromo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-iodo-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(3-chlorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-chlorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione

2-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione

2-benzyl-8,9-dihydroxy-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-1,6-dioxo-1,3,4,6-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]-pyrazine-7-carbonitrile;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-[(4-methyl-3-oxopiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-[(3-oxopiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

4-[(benzyloxy)methyl]-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

4-[(1,1-dioxido-1,2-thiazinan-2-yl)methyl]-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

~~2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;~~

~~2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-[(3-oxopiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2H-pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine-1,6-dione;~~

~~2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-[(4-methyl-3-oxopiperazin-1-yl)methyl]-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;~~

~~2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-[(morpholin-4-yl)methyl]-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;~~

~~2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-[(thiomorpholin-4-yl)methyl]-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;~~

~~2-[4-fluoro-2-(methylthio)benzyl]-8,9-dihydroxy-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;~~

7-[(1-acetylpiperidin-4-yl)methyl]-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-7-{[1-(trifluoroacetyl)piperidin-4-yl]methyl}-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

7-{[1-(cyclopropylmethyl)piperidin-3-yl]methyl}-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

7-[(1-acetylpiperidin-3-yl)methyl]-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

7-[(1-acetylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl]-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

7-{[1-(cyclopropylmethyl)piperidin-2-yl]methyl}-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;

2-(3-cyanobenzyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione

2-(biphenyl-3-ylmethyl)-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione

~~(±) 1-[(benzyloxy)methyl]-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,5-dihydroxy-1,1a,2,8a-tetrahydrocyclopropa[e]pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,7-dione;~~

~~(±) 1-(methoxymethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,5-dihydroxy-1,1a,2,8a-tetrahydrocyclopropa[e]pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,7-dione;~~

~~(±) 1-[(allyloxy)methyl]-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,5-dihydroxy-1,1a,2,8a-tetrahydrocyclopropa[e]pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,7-dione;~~

~~(±) 1-(ethoxymethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,5-dihydroxy-1,1a,2,8a-tetrahydrocyclopropa[e]pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,7-dione;~~

~~(±) 1-(n-propoxymethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,5-dihydroxy-1,1a,2,8a-tetrahydrocyclopropa[e]pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-3,7-dione;~~

~~2-[1-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl]-8,9-dihydroxy-3,4-dihydro-2H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrazine-1,6-dione;~~

~~5-(4-fluorobenzyl)-7,8-dihydroxy-5H-pyrido[1,2-a]quinoxaline-6,10-dione;~~

~~5-(4-fluorobenzyl)-7,8-dihydroxy-5H-pyrido[1,2-a:3',2'-c]pyrazine-6,10-dione;~~

~~5-(4-fluorobenzyl)-7,8-dihydroxy-5H-pyrido[1,2-a:2',3'-c]pyrazine-6,10-dione;~~

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

16. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a ~~therapeutically effective amount of~~ a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented/withdrawn) A method for treating infection by HIV or for treating or delaying the onset of AIDS in a subject in need thereof which comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented/withdrawn) A combination useful for treating infection by HIV, or for treating or delaying the onset of AIDS, which is a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a therapeutically effective amount of an HIV infection/AIDS antiviral agent selected from the group consisting of HIV protease inhibitors, non-nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors and nucleoside HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors.